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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO KUWAIT IN ADVANCE OF DECEMBER 23 IMF

BOARD MEETING ON IRAQ

REF: SECSTATE 229318

Classified By: CDA Matt Tueller for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) CDA conveyed reftel points to MFA U/S Khalid Jarallah December 22 at 1600 local. Jarallah said the GOK was aware of the December 23 IMF board meeting on Iraq's Stand-by Arrangement. He said he would contact the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Washington to advise him to deliver the necessary instructions to Kuwait's IMF executive director. CDA reiterated the need for the IMF board to have Kuwaiti reaffirmation of willingness to provide debt relief comparable to Paris Club terms. Jarallah said that was correct.

¶2. (C) CDA consulted with the British Embassy prior to and after speaking with Jarallah. The British Ambassador is holding similar instructions but will only deliver them if a scheduled 12/22 meeting in Washington between the Kuwaiti Ambassador and Ambassador Manning does not resolve the issue.

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